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Section Agriculture
File No 3 — 1871.
Serial No 1 — 9.

Cultivation of Rumnah Grass.

Guidera

To

The Off. Secretary
to the Chief Commissioner
of Mysore

Sir

I have the honor to enclose Copy of letter from Mr Ramanoojum Manager of the Commissariat Dept at Secunderabad intimating dispatch of the Runnuah grass and that I had Commissioned him to get for me, Mud Rajah Naganiah, the Zemindar, in the Hyderabad Country which supplied the Runnuah grass Chief good

As the money has been distributed from private funds I would request the favor of Govt obtaining an early grant for the amount being reimbursed by Govt

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed Servt
E. Boddam
on Special duty

Bangalore
20 Feby 1872.

1872 No 114

Return
Colonel Wagstaff
Date 20 Dec
Received 30
Read 30
Regulations to be observed
when [illegible] contain
ing
certain Rules of proceeding
recommended.

Regimental Rifle Champ
Contest —
Col Barstow to be
requested to report
thereon —
Recommend
the Report
5.2.72

Rifles 155 & 20 Sabretasche Officers
Swords 2 Helmet Plumes
Forage Caps
Helmet Ornaments
Waist Belt Clasps
Shoulder Knots
Sword Knots
Gold Lace
Silver Lace
Gold Embroidery
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Gold Fringe
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Silver Waist Belt
Gold Sword Belt
Silver Sword Belt
Gold Pouch Belt
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Gold Sword Knot
Silver Sword Knot
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Silver Cord
Gold Tassel
Silver Tassel

Secunderabad 23rd January 1872

Sir,

I beg to inform you that I forwarded on the 11th Instant 57 Bales in 7 return Country Carts containing 1st sort "Mulwa" the best Rumnah Grass, procured with difficulty from different places.

Could not procure the "Naindra" Grass for it failed in growth, having not had a full supply of rain this year as usual, as will be seen in the extract of a report sent from this office on crops annexed.-

Had to send the "Mulwa" Grass in full, for it was impossible to remove the seeds from the grass. It grows well on moisty ground where there are many small streams on sides of rivers.

I beg to annex a memo of cost of grass and hire of carts and coolies engaged.

I beg to remain
Sir,
Your most obdt Servt.

Signed A. Ramanoojum

Extract D. 1st January 1877

"The fall of rain has been barely 2/3rds the "annual average"

"Grain of all kinds is much dearer than it was in what is called the "famine year of 1866"

"Rummah grass is also very "scarce and and difficulty will "be felt in providing for the mounted "Corps in consequence."

Extract of a report from the "Ministers on Crops.

Taloka Gulgundul

"Rummah grass has entirely failed"

Thumameno Tillah

"We have very little produce of Paddy"
"straw Rummah grass and Kurby"

Nagurkurnool Tillah

"Owing to failure of rain and season"
"the crops have entirely failed.

@ Memo

Cost of Mulwah grass & hire of Coolies and Carts employed in cutting & bringing in from different places ___ 50.

Hire of 7 Carts engaged to convey the grass from Secunderabad to Bangalore at 15 Rs each & trip as per Agreement enclosed _____ 105. " "

Total Cost Rupees 155. " "

To
Colonel E. T. Boddam
Madras Staff Corps
Bangalore.

True Copies

E Boddam

Ord Special Duty

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From Fort St 1872 No. 5383

To Col. E. Boddam 370

Dated 4th Sept.

Despatched 7th Sept.

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 5383 } 18
No. 370 }

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 370 of the 4th instant, and to request that you will cause the Cheque amounting to Rs. 15-5/ incurred in procuring a supply of Plumbago Grass & Legumes for the Cabuni Farm to be debited to the Contingencies of the Department.

No 5383
L 370

Regmt. Comn Office
Camp Rundheim 7th Feby 72

"Col: E. Boldam
On special duty

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 2nd Instant I am directed by the Chief Commr to convey his sanction to the payment of the charges, amounting to Rs 155, incurred in procuring a supply of Rummah grass in bales, from Secundrabad, and to request that you will be good enough to report what arrangements you would recommend for obtaining the grass, when required - and generally, the amount to be derived from its introduction, & the prospect of success in doing so -

I have &c

Per Lee

J 7-2-72

No 5384
D 1178 Copy to Dy Accts Genl.

By order
Lee

Dupe 9/2/72

E. E. 4-91.

From Deputy Assistant 18 72 No. 126.

To Col. E. Boddam
on Special duty

Dated 16th July 72

Despatched

Received 29th do

Enclosures No.

General No. } 18
No.

Section Aug. 4

File No 5 — 71

Serial No 3

Regarding Rumnah
grass from Sunderabad

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Camp Nassau 16th Feby

Dear Sir,

In my absence a number of Carts of Rummah grass have arrived from Secundrabad - for the Hyderabad Res. C. Corps. in Legs letter No 5383 of Dec. 370 of 7th last has sanctioned the outlay - meaned & I have desired a Contingent Bill be drawn the money

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as I cannot be present to
settle the balance of the
Contract or remit the
amt in time - may I
request you will draw
authority for whatever
sum may be necessary,
being destined to Mrs
J. Dean of the Legs Office
Cong. Depts — who may

absence I have entrusted
with any Special business
having no under a establish
ment of any kind allowed me.
Mr Dias can settle the
Cart hire & he and can
be deducted from the Custom
Sent bill I am sending in.
The balance the Jaidad
he from ga privilege
remittance bank Specimph
pay able to Rammoojum
Moodelliar Secundera

I am assuming that in the
Rs 155 applied for in my
letter of the 2nd inst - Cost
here upto Bangalore
is included - kindly
let me know
if not accept to my regards -

Yours faithfully
E Rodrigues

The Secretary
to C. Coutts & Co
Bangalore

E.91

From Lieut E. Bardaan on Special duty Engineer Commission

To

Dated 17 February 72

Despatched

Received 29 Feb 72

Section A&C

File No 3-71

Serial No 4

1872. No. 125

Enclosures No. 1

General No. 18

No.

Acknowledge letter 5383/370 of the 7 Inst. and submits a contingent Bill for £1155 being the amount of expenses incurred in procuring the Ammunition Stores and Provisions enumerated

Lieut Col Boxer

29/2/72

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To

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner

of Mysore

Bangalore

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant No. 5383 and to inclose a Contingent Fmb. 370 bill for Rs. 155. for the amount of expenses incurred in procuring the Rumnah grass seed from Secunderabad.

I would propose that this grass seed should be cultivated in the Government House park, and if it succeeds the seed raised from it be used in other places so that we may in time get crops of this Rumnah grass in Mysore as people do in the Hyderabad territory, where the Rumnah grass is the staple food for the horses of the mounted Troops, and also for the cattle of the

Country supplemented by Kurbar.
This is the grass I mentioned in my Agricultural report as being so superior to the Mysore Spear grass, and about which I have had correspondence with Sir Salar Jung through H.M. Resident, and which I deputed Ramnoojum Moodelliar to collect for me in the Hyderabad Country, unfortunately this season turned out a bad one at Hyderabad and grass was very scarce owing to deficiency of rain.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obd.t Servt.

E. Boddam

On special Duty

Camp Nagar
17th February
1872

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G. 91.

From Fuel 1872 No. 5759 399

To Colonel Boddam
on Special Duty

Dated Bangalore 1st March 1872

Despatched 2d.

Received

Enclosures No

General No. 5759
Fuel No. 399
} 18 7/72

Your letter of the 17th Feby submitting a Contingent Bill for Rs. 155, on account of Expenses incurred in procuring Rheumah from Secunderabad.

In reply I state that the Bill noted in the above has been passed on to the Dy. Accountt. Genl. for payment in accordance with the Sanction conveyed in this Office No. 5383/370 of the 7th Instno.

Also I intimate that I

Enclosures No

Received

Registered

Certified

Recommended

Amount

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Mass Reed has arrived from Accomac and states that the Certificates had nothing to secure, the fees having been advanced to them.

By mail

1/3/72

W. Mumby
Secy

No. 5760.
9125.

Copy of the above Report is forwarded to the D. of Justice with the Bill in order that a Continuation of the Office for 5384/1178 of the Certificates.

By mail

W. Mumby
Secy

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From 1892.

To Colonel Boddam

on Special duty

Dated 6th

Despatched May

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 1892/193

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As requested

Commando Bureau

on the proposed

Cultivation of Rumex

Gratissimus seed.

No. 9

The Offg. Secretary
to the Chief Commissioner
of Mysore

Sir,

As requested, I have the
honor to forward a memoranda
on the proposed Culture of
Ramnad grass by seed.-

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obdt Servt.
E. Bodenheim

Bangalore
6th May 1872

On special Duty
Mysore Com.

Memorandum on the proposed culture of Rhumnah grass from seed.-

Two methods are available, either to sow the seed with some other crop as a means of partially reimbursing the grower for the heavy outlay, by this measure, also the shelter afforded to the young grass will also go far to prevention ill effects from drought, or to sow the grass seed alone.-

In growing grass from seed a fine surface is essential. The land must be thoroughly cleaned, well ploughed and harrowed, till the surface is completely pulverised, a roller should then be passed over it and the seed sown broadcast and finally brush harrowed. Experiments upon the germinating power of seed of grasses and clovers have shown that at a comparatively small depth a large proportion of the seeds die.-

The preparation of the soil should

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be carried out when the land is thoroughly dry.-

As regards after treatment the grass should be cut the first season - (not grazed upon by sheep) and after the first crop a good dressing of farmyard manure, it may then be pastured with cattle, beginning with young stock.-

E. Boddam

On special duty -

From Col Addams -

On Growing Rummuh Grass.

May this be publ.d as a Supplement to the Enquirer.

W Ward

8/5 C.L.

8:5:72

Jas. Johnson

Rec.d

Read.d So ordered that the letter publ.d read Lat: as to Sat: after as Mr Smith may be able to procure copy & take it plus [illegible]

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From Fort 1872. No. 2036
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To Colonel E. Roddam
On special duty.

Dated 18
Despatched " } July.
Received

Enclosures No.
General No. 2084
G No 343 } 18/8/73.

Your letter dated 14th July 72, reporting that the whole of the Rummah grass seed has been sown on the land on either side of the road leading from the Southern Entrance gate of Government House up to the immediate neighbourhood of the House H.E. acknowledges the above with thanks. By order 18/7/72 S.S.G.

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1874.

From Col Rossaud

To on special duty.

Dated 4th Feby

Despatched

Received 9 Feb

Enclosures No.

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General No. 5

No.

Encloses an account of exps
penses incurred in procuring
Rumna grass seed from Hyderabad amounting to Rs 12 - and
requests to be furnished with a
transfer Receipt for the amount in
favor of Mr Rammoojun Mood.

Audited 25 Feby

Granted
E.A.
12/2/74

No. 66

To

The Offg Secretary
to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore
Bangalore

Sir

I have been desired by the Chief Commissioner to proceed to Kupply of Rumnagrats seed from the Hyderabad Country to continue the experiment which had been successfully made on a small scale at Government House Lapplied by Mr Ramnoo-jeen Moodelliar, my Assistant, Father, to get me the seed which he has obligingly done - It was gathered on Rajah Nagamalis Estate near Hyderabad and arrived at Monsieur's Farm on the 29th Ultimo when my Asst took charge of it -

I have now the honor to enclose Mr Ramnoojeen Moodelliars

account of expenses incurred by him amounting to Rs 112 I request that a transfer credit for that amount – made payable to No Nanneroyen at Secunderabad – may be sent to him Tennugadem Mondelem at Mondrie Farm for that purpose –

I have the honorable
Sir
Your most obedient Servt
E Boddam
Asst Surgeon

Camp Harnhalli
near Cherra Poonjah
Khasia Hills
4th February 1874

1894.

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From

To Messrs. [illegible]

Dated 4th Special Duties

Despatched 25 Sept.

Received 26 Sept.

Enclosures No.

General No. 6468

Fin. No. 552

Your letter No. 5[illegible]
& Acct. enclosing [illegible]
from a Memo. of Expenses
incurred in procuring
a second supply of Rum
per Isaac Reed from Ha
devaluation, amounting to
Rs. 112/-, and subsequent
letter dated 16th Idem fro
your Assistant, requesting
that, under your instruc
tions the amount may
be paid on his receipt.

Sanctioned. [illegible]
[illegible] Asst
Secy. to Government

By order,

No 6409
9 Oct 94.

Dy Secy.

Dy Secy. Accts
Genl with the original bill